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SUBJECT: NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION

REF: (A) MONROVIA 2363; (B) MONROVIA 2424

SUMMARY: CHARGE' MOON, SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY, VISITED PRESIDENT TOLBERT TO DISCUSS PROBLEMS OF NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION NOW IN MONROVIA. PRESIDENT, WHILE SYMPATHETIC, MADE NO COMMITMENTS. MOON BELEIVES GOL PLACES HIGH PRIORITY ON INCREASING CONTACTS WITH THIRD WORLD. EMBASSY CONCURS IN THIS OPINION. MOON ALSO BELIEVES GOL ANXIOUS RECEIVE ECONOMIC OR TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FROM ALMOST ANY SOURCE.

1. CHARGE' MOON, SOUTH KOREAN EMBASSY, TOLD EMBOFF TUESDAY NIGHT, APRIL 30, NORTH KOREAN DELEGATION STILL HERE AND HAD BEEN RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT. LOCAL PRESS CONFIRMS THIS. MOON FURTHER STATED HE HAD TRAVELLED TO ROBERTSPORT SUNDAY, APRIL 28, TO MEET WITH PRESIDENT TOLBERT DURING LATTER'S APPEARANCE AT ANNUAL BAPTIST CONFERENCE BEING HELD THAT CITY. MOON SAID PRESIDENT HAD GRANTED HIM FIFTEEN-MINUTE PRIVATE AUDIENCE AND AHD RESPONDED WITH SYMPATHY TO MOON'S PRESENTATIONALTHOUGH TOLBERT, ACCORDING KOREAN, MADE NO COMMITMENTS.

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2. EMB OFF ASKED MOON IF HE FELT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP OF INDIVIDUALS IN GOL WAS PRESSING FOR NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATION HERE. MOON SAID HE FELT NOT, THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY ANOTHER INDICATION OF LIBERIAN DESIRE ESTABLISH LINES INTO NON-LIGNED WORLD. HE ALSO CONTINUES FEEL, AS DO WE, LIBERIANS CASTING ABOUT FOR ANY FORM OF ECONOMIC OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE THEY CAN GET. MOON STATES HE HAS MADE STRONG RECOMMENDATIONS TO HIS GOVERNMENT THAT SOME ADDITIONAL SOUTH KOREAN ASSISTANCE IS ESSENTIAL. HOWEVER, HE DOUBTS VERY MUCH IF HIS GOVERNMENT CAN OR WILL PROVIDE SUCH.

3. LIBERIAN STAR FOR WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, STATED SEVEN NORTH KOREANS CALLED ON TOLBERT TO DELIVER SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM KIM IL-SUNG. THE MESSAGE INCLUDED AN INVITATION TO PRESIDENT TO VISIT NORTH KOREA. TOLBERT REPORTEDLY SAID HE WILL MAKE VISIT AT "CONVIENT TIME." VISITORS ALSO ASKED THAT FONMIN DENNIS, FINMIN TOLBERT AND OTHERS COME TO NORTH KOREA AND SUGGESTED EXCHANGE OF VARIOUS TYPES OF DELEGATIONS. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, DELEGATION WAS HEADED BY KONG JIN TAE, MINISTER FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, AND INCLUDED LI YON SANS, MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS; L CHON YONG, DEPTY DIRECTOR, COMMITTEE FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES; O SONG JIN, JON IL CHUN, O KYONG HWAN AND JU HYONG SUN OF FOREIGN MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF FOREIGN ECONOMIC AFFAIRS.
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